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SUBJECT: OPIC OFFICER TRAVEL

REF: DOUALA 331

1. SCHEDULE REFTEL DOES NOT APPEAR LEAVE HENDERSON ENOUGH TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS GABORONE AND VISIT LOBATSE-BMC. THEREFORE REQUEST CHANGE GABORONE DEPARTURE SATURDAY AM DEC 14 AND DROP ONE SITE: PREFERENCE IS TO SEE MAUN AND KASANE. UNDERSTAND DIFFICULTIES ARRANGING INTERNAL TRAVEL IN SHORT TIME AND ACCEPT WHATEVER REASONABLE AND INCREASED COSTS DUE CHARTER. ADDITIONAL TRAVEL COSTS HEREBY COVERED UNDER TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION NO. 7505094 DATED DEC 6. VISIT TO SELEBE PIKWE NOT ESSENTIAL. HENDERSON CONFIRMED ON FLIGHT SA 103 1400 DEC 17 AND RETURN WASHINGTON DEC 18.

2. AL KELLY HAS CONTACTED MR. JAY JARBOE, GROVE INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTORS, VICTORIA FALLS, RHODESIA TO ASSIST YOU IN TOUR OF NORTHERN STATE LANDS. HE SHOULD CONTACT YOU ON DEC 12.

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3. CONVERSATION WITH BARGREN/CARRIER TODAY INDICATE SIG-

NIFICANT SHIFT IN PROPOSED PETTIBONE PARTICIPATION RESULTING FROM MEETING WITH SIEFERT. PETTIBONE WILL MAKE NO REPEAT NO CASH EQUITY INJECTION AND WILL WANT CASH PAYMENT FROM PROJECT FOR EQUIPMENT AND RECONDITIONING. IN EFFECT, PETTIBONE EQUITY CONTRIBUTION NOW MEANINGLESS. CULMAN WILL DISCUSS WITH SIEFERT ON DEC 10. RESULTS WILL BE CABLED IF SIGNIFICANT.

4. RE HOTEL CARLTON, JOHANNESBURG: CONFIRMATION RECEIVED. CHECK WITH FREEMAN AT HOLIDAY INN UPON ARRIVAL TO GET UPDATE ON HIS PLANS. KISSINGER

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